

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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## One Hundred Years Ago.

### A DESCRIPTION OF JESUS.

It being the usual custom of the Roman governors to inform the Senate and people of such material things as happened in their respective provinces, Publius Lentulus, being President in the days of Tiberius Caesar, the emperor, wrote the following epistle to the Senate concerning CHRIST.

"Conscript Fathers, "There appeared in these our days, a Man of great virtue, named JESUS CHRIST, who is let living among us, and of the Gentiles, is accepted for a prophet of truth; but his disciples call him the Son of God. He raised the dead and cured all manner of diseases. A man of stature, somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverend countenance, such as the beholder may both love and fear; His hair of the color, somewhat curly, and of the color of His shoulders, in the midst of His hair, a seam, or a partition of His hair, after the manner of the Nazarenes; His forehead plain and delicate, His face without spot or wrinkle, His eyes were of a comely red; His nose and mouth exactly formed; His beard thick, the color of his hair, not of any great length, but forked; His quick, in reproving terrible and adfectual, in his words, clear, and very modest and wise—in proportion monishing courteous—in speaking, of body well-shaped—None have seen Him laugh, but many have seen Him weep; a man of His singular beauty surpasses the children of men."

### "THE SWEARER'S PRAYER."

Dublin, Ireland, March 21, 1816. "Our correspondent in Galway writes us, that 'The Swearer's Prayer' was given to a man so notorious for swearing that he had actually become a proverb in the town. He said after having carefully perused it, that he had never read or heard anything that did him so much good, and so effectual were its contents to him that since he read it, he has learned to 'swear not at all.'"

A friend in Ballyhase writes us: "The Tracts recently landed me one week, although I gave them out as sparingly as possible; and it would really surprise you to see what demand there is for them; Your 'Poor Joseph' has finally done some good."

### NATIONAL CHANGES.

William Pinkney, Esq., of Maryland has resigned his seat in Congress, having accepted the appointment as Minister to Russia. James T. Austin, Esq., of Boston, was recently appointed an agent to the Boundary Commission under the British Treaty.

### Fifty Years Ago.

#### THE ABERDEEN HOOK.

One of the large plate panes of glass in the front window of the hardware store of S. E. Jarvis, corner of Main and Beaver streets, was accidentally smashed in, last evening, by some one. Mr. Jarvis has feared just such a young man hanging around the corner since he advertised the celebrated Aberdeen and New York trout hooks, so great has been the rush to his store. "Treasures" should bear in mind that Jarvis has a large stock of them on hand. No true "sportsman" will use any other than the "Aberdeen hook."

#### HONEST BOOT-BLACK.

Charley Coley, a young lad who blacks boots and sells The Evening Farmer at the railroad station in this city, and by whose earnings his mother is materially aided, found a pocket-book, with a considerable amount of money, on Saturday, prior to the arrival of a New York train. He handed it to the policeman then on duty there. The officer hunted up the owner, greatly "glad" over her good fortune, opened her heart, and tendered the lad a dinky, worn out, five cent "scab," as a reward and compliment for his honesty. (There was \$3.00 in the pocketbook.) The boy, however, had not only the good sense, but independence, to respectfully decline the proffered pittance. "A wit's a feather, and a chief a rod; An honest man's the noblest work of God."

#### PLANT A GRAPE VINE.

Let every one who owns a single rod of land plant a grape vine this Spring. There is no fruit so well suited to the wants of several thousand that live in the cities and towns as the grape. You can plant it in an odd corner and train it aloft by the side of your kitchen, your woodhouse, or any other building. You can train it to cover the most unsightly object, or to grace the most beautiful trellis. Fragrant when it blooms, beautiful in all stages of its growth, and when laden with its luscious fruit, an object to charm all the senses. Plant a vine then—plant a Concord, Isabella, or a Delaware, or any other kind you may fancy, and you will never regret having done so.

#### HE IS LOOKIN' FINE.

"Those manly form" and familiar countenance of Zack Cornwall, Esq., is noticeable on our streets to-day. Probably paying a flying visit to his friends "Meginnis" and "Dudee." Bless him, his "Royal Nibs" is looking well.

#### AN ELEGANT PASTIME.

Sock fighting seems to be a popular diversion in Brooklyn. A "proprietor" and 45 of his confederates were arrested by the police of that city while engaged in this elegant pastime, a few days since. Two constables were among the number "pinched."

#### Twenty Years Ago.

### RACE FOR PENNANT BEGUN.

Baseball Season Opens To-day. Mr. Peter W. Wren, of the firm of McMahon & Wren, said this morning that he expected to have the ball ground at Pleasure Beach in shape within a month. "Frazier & Whitney, the Louisville engineers who have the contract in hand for constructing the new bicycle track were informed yesterday that the material had arrived at the Beach. They will begin work on Saturday. The contract calls for the completion of the track by Decoration day."

act comedy, "Lost—24 Hours."

AT THE AUDITORIUM. J. W. Harrington opens this evening in "Rube Stacy," for the remainder of the week.

Pat Rooney's farce comedy company will present the first half of next week, Mr. Carroll's laughing festival, "Lord Rooney." The company comprises others of the clever Rooney family. "Lord Rooney" is undoubtedly one of the most successful attractions on the road.

### TO INITIATE SEVENTY INTO COURT MARINA

A class of 70 candidates will be initiated into Court Marina, F. of A. to-night. Nearly 30 of the candidates are clerks and carriers at the local post office, and the delegation will be headed by Postmaster Greene. The degree team of the court will work the Foresters' new degree on the class.

All the grand and several supreme officers of this state will be present. Delegations are also expected from Court Norak of Norwalk, Court Mahamaco, of South Norwalk, Court J. M. Bailey and Court Paquogue of Danbury. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of 50 people. Following the working of the degree, a banquet will be served in the large hall at which music and entertainment will be provided by members of the court. The various officers will speak.

### NAVAL TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS OFFERED

It has been announced by the navy department that a naval training cruise will begin on August 15 and last until September 12, on reserve battleships, in which civilians may participate by enlistment for the cruise. Thus the navy department has adapted the Plattsburg summer training school idea to its needs. A form of application for enrollment may be obtained from the navy department and applications must be made through local naval recruiting stations not later than June 1. A deposit of \$30 is required to cover necessary expenses of the trip, which includes board and uniform outfit.

### OPEN CARS PLACED ON CONNECTICUT CO. LINES

Open cars were placed on the lines of this city yesterday and many patronized them, riding to the suburban districts. Hundreds went to the shore resorts. Dust in the streets made traveling uncomfortable. The wind and the stirring of the air caused by the motion of cars stirred the dust so that it filled the nostrils of passengers and covered their clothes.

### SCALDED BY STEAM.

John Gillick, 778 Grand street, freeman at the boiler room of the Sprague Ice & Coal Co., yesterday morning received several painful scalds about his legs when a blow-off of steam from the boiler struck him in the legs as he was passing the exhaust valve. He was taken to Bridgeport hospital in the emergency hospital ambulance where he is resting comfortably today.

### MASONIC NOTES.

At a stated communication of St. John's lodge, No. 3, to be held at Masonic Temple, Wednesday evening, April 19, at 7:30 o'clock, the E. A. degree will be conferred.

### (Points of Interest.)

Our stocks are now complete with everything that is desirable in untrimmed straw hats in every shape and color, trimmed dress hats and trimmings of every description at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street—Adv.

At Mollan's. It is well, this week, to buy foot-wear before Saturday. The shoe shops are busier on Easter Saturday than on any other day in the year. Have the shoe-fitting ever with, then attend to other Easter needs. It will save time. The many smart styles of perfect fitting, high and low shoes for women, and attractive designs in children's fancy footwear, at Mollan's, make a most desirable assortment from which to select. Accurate fitting is a special feature, at the well known shoe shop at W. K. Mollan, 1026 Main street—Adv.

The dreadnaughts Arkansas, Wyoming, New York and Texas are back in New York after three months of target practice.

The White Star liner Cedric arrived at New York with 4,869 bags of first-class mail and 617 packages of parcel post mail.

SPRING FLOWERING PLANTS. JOHN RECK & SON.

Elizabeth, wife of Andrew O'Brien, of 238 Maple street, died yesterday morning, after an illness of several weeks. She was 25 years of age and leaves a husband and family.

John Delmuth died yesterday morning at his home in Hallett street. He was the owner of several busses and during the summer months was kept busy driving social parties to nearby resorts. He has lived in East Bridgeport for many years.

PARALYSIS FROM A FALL. John Schulteis, who has been living over the bathing pavilion at Seaside park with his wife and family, was removed to the hospital last evening where he is now suffering from the effects of paralysis. He sustained the shock as a result of the fall at the pavilion.

PRIZE ESSAY AT STRATFORD. The Misses Alice Booth, Mabel Mills, Rachel Curtis and Mollie Dunther and Edward Dorman, pupils of the graded school, have been chosen to contest in the prize essay on "Glorious Folsom," who was historically connected with the town. The prize essays will be read at the town hall Friday evening.

THE PLAYS AND PLAYERS. Park City Theatre. Kate Claxton's portrayal of Louise, the blind girl, in "The Two Orphans," which will be presented here Monday next, requires much nicety of discernment for its possibilities. The play will be staged with all the special scenery and effects.

Next Wednesday afternoon and evening, Robert Hillard and a fine supporting cast will present the three-

## MOVEMENT FOR JAP WOMEN TO CHANGE KIMONA

"Inconvenient at Work and Unnecessarily Expensive," I Claim.

Tokio, April 17.—A movement has been started by a number of Japanese women to remodel the present form of the kimono. It is led by Mrs. Irisawa, the wife of Dr. Tsuneko Irisawa, a prominent physician. She thinks that the kimono in its present form is not suited for practical purposes.

"It is very inconvenient when at work," she said, "and it is rather unnecessarily expensive. The people of the middle classes and below have to spend one-third of their income for clothes, and the lower class of people spend nearly all of their money for clothes."

"The number of rolls of cloth needed for a set of suits for a man or a woman in winter is on the average about eight; the length of thread needed to sew them about 330 feet, and the number of stitches about 30,000. The garments have to be made by the woman of the family by hand, not by machines, and it requires days to do the work. The women folk have to devote much of their time to it all the year round. For educated women to devote their time to such service is uneconomical from the point of view of the conservation of human energy."

"We propose to find some way by which all these unnecessary expenses may be eliminated, and a committee of Frises have been offered for the best models of kimonos, and all sorts of kimonos for men, boys, and children at home, for visiting and for school use are to be included. An exhibition of kimono and applications must be made through local naval recruiting stations not later than June 1. A deposit of \$30 is required to cover necessary expenses of the trip, which includes board and uniform outfit."

One reason why many Japanese men wear western clothes today is that they find them less expensive than the Japanese dress. Different kinds of kimonos and other garments are required for various functions and the tailor bill of a well dressed Japanese gentleman is very high.

### REPORT 3 ROBBERIES TO POLICE ON WEEK-END

Three robberies were committed Saturday night and Sunday in this city. Vincent H. King, hatter, with a store in the Stratfield building, was robbed of \$120 while waiting on two young men Saturday night. A billiard academy at 115 Congress street, was robbed early yesterday morning. Pool balls, cigars and cigarettes all to the value of \$30, were stolen.

Burglars broke open the door on the Cannon street side of the Peoples garage between Courtland and Broad streets yesterday morning and stole a five-passenger automobile owned by Rev. John G. Stadler, 402 Golden Hill street, pastor of the Christ church. The car was found abandoned in Stamford. It was returned to the owner today.

Villa is working hard to convince this country that he is dead.

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**LINCOLN'S FIRST DOLLAR.**  
How He Earned It and the Elation It Brought With It.  
When he was about eighteen years old Abraham Lincoln, who, as he said, belonged to the "scrubs," people who owned no slaves and not much of anything else, built a raft to carry some produce down the river to sell. While he was looking at the work of his hands and wondering if he could better it two men came down to the shore and, looking over the several small craft there, picked out Lincoln's small boat and asked if he could take them and their trunks out to the big steamship coming down the river, there being no wharves in that locality. Lincoln sculled them out into the river and put them and their trunks aboard the steamship at the last minute, reminding them that they had been gotten to pay him. Each man then threw him a silver half dollar.  
"I could scarcely believe my eyes," said Lincoln in relating the occurrence. "You may think it was a very little thing, and in these days it seems to me a trifle, but it was a most important incident in my life. I could scarcely credit it that I, a poor boy, had earned a dollar in less than a day; that by honest work I had earned a dollar. The world seemed wider and fairer before me. I was a more hopeful and confident being from that time."—New York Herald.  
The Medieval Kitchen.  
It was the middle ages before the kitchen had been raised to the dignity of an established apartment. Strange doings went on in those medieval kitchens. Butchers slaughtered animals there, which were skinned and dressed as well as cooked in the kitchen. The family blacksmith kept his fire there and repaired the plows and wheels of the estate. Coal began to be used as a kitchen fuel in 1245, though not generally for 200 years after. The oven did not come into use until the year 1400, and then it was the old fashioned brick oven, which persisted for hundreds of years. The stove when invented took the place of the separate oven and the fireplace, with its banging pots.  
ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER.